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ARGUMENTS

In the Claims, claims 9-12 have been canceled without disclaimer or prejudice. Claims 1-8 and 13-15 remain pending. Claim 14 was amended herein to correct an inadvertent error and correctly identify the dependency from independent claim 13.

Allowable Subject Matter

Applicants thank the Examiner for the Examiner's indication that claims 1-8 and 13-15 contain allowable subject matter.

Applicants Statement for Reasons of Allowance

With respect to the Examiner's statement of reasons for allowance, the Applicants respectfully submit that the reasons are as follows. The prior art does not teach a process for compressing electronic data files used to display images on a display of a control associated with a heating, ventilating, and air condition system, said process comprising the steps of:

noting the state of the first bit of a bitmapped file of information for an image to be displayed;

counting the number of consecutive bits having the same binary state as the first bit;

generating a numerical representation of the counted number of consecutive bits having the same binary state as the first bit;

counting the number of consecutive bits having the binary state of the next bit in the bitmapped file of information and thereafter generating a numerical representation of the counted number of consecutive bits having the same binary state as the next bit in the bitmapped file; and

repeatedly counting the next number of consecutive bits having a binary state differing from that of the binary state of the previously counted number of consecutive bits and thereafter generating a numerical representation of the next number of consecutive bits having the binary state differing from that of the binary state of the previously counted number of consecutive bits until there are no remaining bits of information to be counted in the bitmapped file.

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The Examiner's statement in the Office Action dated February 5, 2004 included rationale directed to the subject matter of dependent claims. The Examiner is respectfully requested to restate the reasons for allowance with respect to the independent claims.

Rejection Under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a)

The Office rejected claims 9-12 under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over the Saran et al. reference (U.S. Patent No. 4,376,933). For the sake of speedy prosecution, Applicants cancel these claims herein without prejudice and without comment on the substance of this rejection.

Conclusion

In view of the above amendments and remarks, Applicants respectfully submit that this application is in condition for allowance.

If the Examiner has any questions pertaining to the prosecution of this application, the Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned at (860) 674-3457.

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